

Dear Year 13 Girls and Parents

Welcome to Year 13

Your daughters are now embarking on the most demanding year of their school career, which will culminate in 2012 with A2 levels and a university place and / or an exciting gap year ahead.

September and October are two months when much of the UCAS work is completed, and your daughter should be writing her personal statement and working on her UCAS form. Likewise her teachers and tutors will be writing her reference and making predictions about her potential performance in the A2 examinations. It has always been school policy to predict the students' best possible grades, this will therefore include A* predictions as appropriate.

Following the publication of the AS examinations results, girls have an opportunity to get their examination papers remarked (following consultation with the Head of Department). The deadline for remarks is the 20th September 2011. Girls can also have access to their original scripts (useful for revision purposes and retaking of AS modules) and the deadline for this is the 4th October 2011. Decisions about January AS resits need to be made by Wednesday 12th October and Ms Peters, the Examinations Assistant, will be speaking to Year 13 about examination dates and fees in due course. Before making an entry it is essential that your daughter speaks to her relevant teachers and seeks advice about the suitability of taking a resit in January (and in some small number of subjects January modules are not available).

Further, in January 2012, some departments have decided to offer girls the opportunity of taking one external A2 module. Departments not offering external modules will offer a full mock examination (in terms of length of examination and style of question). Girls in Year 13 will be on study leave from **Monday 16th January to Friday 27th January**, although much of the revision will need to take place over the Christmas holiday period.

Finally, a date for your diary is the Year 13 Parents Consultation Evening on **Tuesday 29th November**. This will give you and your daughter the opportunity to discuss her academic progress.

We hope that your daughter will find this year successful and fulfilling. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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